

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)
The following application has been submitted to change a water right in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION TO CHANGE A WATER RIGHT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/wrd/>.

OBJECTION DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2023. THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT OBJECTIONS FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION, FORM 611. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM AND THE \$25.00 FILING FEE TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, TO OBTAIN THE PD OR OBJECTION FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 1424 NINTH AVE., PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 FAX: 406-444-0533 PHONE: 406-444-6610.

Application Number: 76G 30151093

Applicant: CLARK FORK COALITION
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WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

Water Right Type	Water Right Number	Priority Date
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	76G 30103779	JULY 10, 1920
Historical Flow Rate: 2.4 CFS	Historical Consumptive Volume: 52.50 AC-FT	Historical Diverted Volume: 169.70 AC-FT
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	76G 30103783	JULY 26, 1953
Historical Flow Rate: 2.4 CFS	Historical Consumptive Volume: 52.50 AC-FT	Historical Diverted Volume: 169.70 AC-FT
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	76G 30103785	DECEMBER 31, 1875
Historical Flow Rate: 1.2 CFS	Historical Consumptive Volume: 26.20 AC-FT	Historical Diverted Volume: 84.90 AC-FT

PAST USE OF WATER

6 CFS WAS HISTORICALLY DIVERTED FROM THE CLARK FORK RIVER INTO THE HELEN-JOHNSON DITCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF WILD FLOOD AND HAND- LINE SPRINKLER IRRIGATION OF THE 133-ACRE HISTORIC PLACE OF USE, WHICH IS GENERALLY LOCATED IN THE NE OF SECTION 32 AND THE W2NWNW OF SECTION 33, T6N R9W, DEER LODGE COUNTY. THE HISTORIC PERIOD OF DIVERSION AND PERIOD OF USE FOR STATEMENT OF CLAIM NOS. 76G 30103779, 76G 30103783, AND 76G 30103785 IS APRIL 20 TO OCTOBER 10.

PROPOSED CHANGE

FLOW RATE: 6.00 CFS **VOLUME:** 424.30 AC-FT **ACRES:** 133.00

THIS AUTHORIZATION IS FOR A TEMPORARY CHANGE IN THE PURPOSE AND PLACE OF USE OF STATEMENT OF CLAIM NOS. 76G 30103779, 76G 30103783, AND 76G 30103785 FROM IRRIGATION TO INSTREAM FLOW IN THE CLARK FORK RIVER IN DEER LODGE COUNTY FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW. THE INSTREAM PLACE OF USE EXTENDS FROM THE HELEN JOHNSON DITCH HEADGATE IN THE SENENE OF SECTION 7, T5N R9W AND ENDS AT GALEN ROAD BRIDGE IN THE N2NWNE OF SECTION 32, T6N R9W. THE COMBINED AMOUNT OF WATER AUTHORIZED FOR INSTREAM FLOW APPROPRIATION WITH THESE THREE WATER RIGHTS IS 6 CFS AND 424.3 AF (2.4 CFS AND 169.7 AF WITH CLAIM 76G 30103779, 2.4 CFS AND 169.7 AF WITH CLAIM 76G 30103783, AND 1.2 CFS AND 84.9 AF WITH CLAIM 76G 30103785). THE PERIOD OF USE FOR THIS CHANGE IS JULY 15 TO SEPTEMBER 30. THE ENTIRE HISTORICALLY IRRIGATED 133-ACRE PLACE OF USE WILL BE RETIRED FROM IRRIGATION FOR THE DURATION OF THIS TEMPORARY CHANGE.

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